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AND, AS SO OFTEN IN THE PAST, WHEN BILLY SPEAKS THE ANCIENT WIZARD'S NAME, HE IS ANSWERED BY A PEAL OF THUNDER, A BLINDING FLASH OF LIGHTNING...

BRRRAAAMM!

...MYSTICALLY TRANSFORMING HIM INTO THE MIGHTY *CAPTAIN MARVEL!*

HAVE TO ACT *FAST*-- DUDLEY COULD BE *KILLED!*

THERE-- SAFE AND SOUND!

BUT--LOOK AT THAT *CRATER!* IF THAT WAS *REALLY* A MINE--THEN THE EXPLOSION WAS A *DELIBERATE ACT!*

M'BOY, I'M AFRAID WE'LL HAVE TO TAKE THE VEHICLE IN FOR REPAIRS!

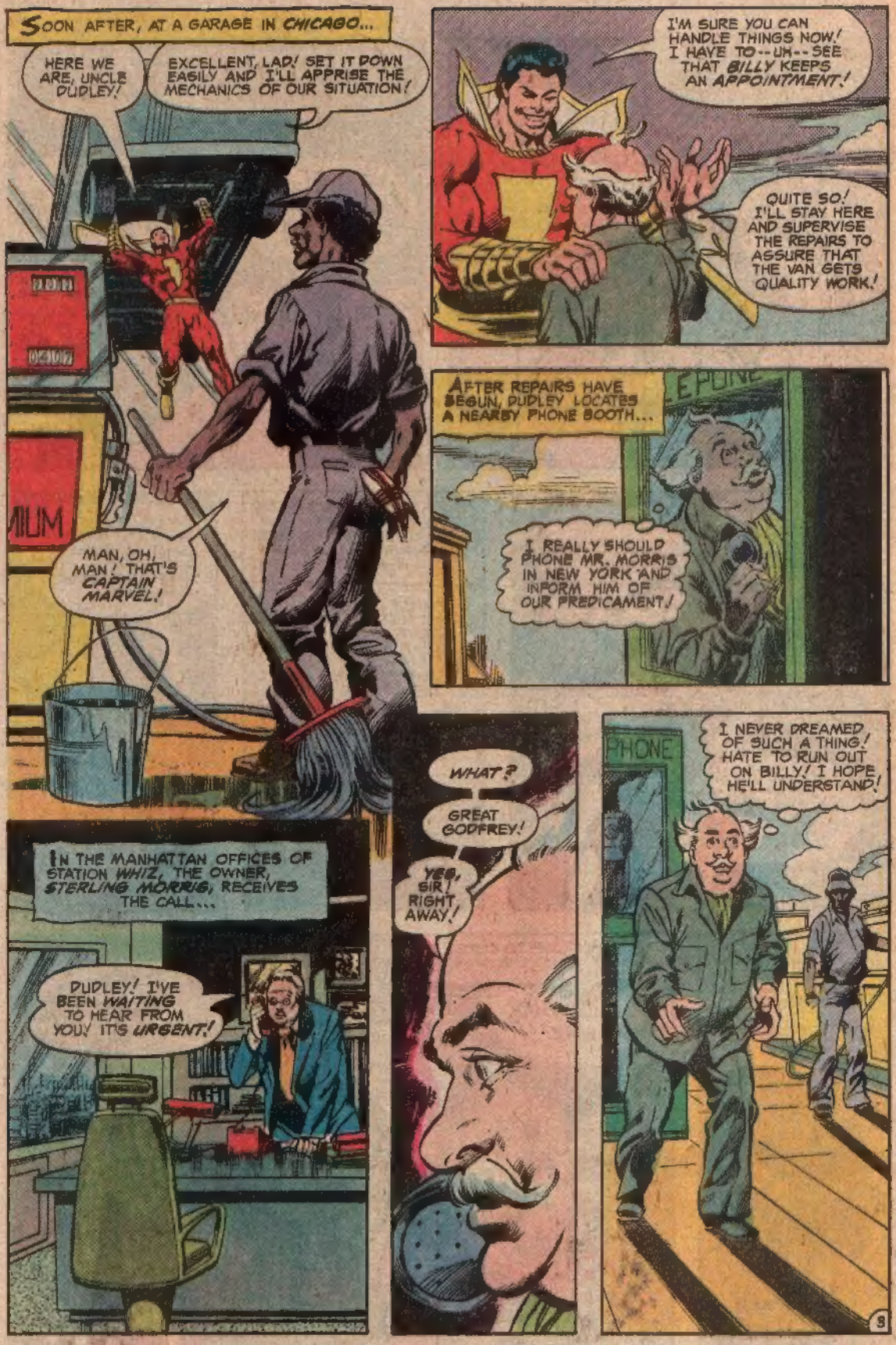
I'LL FLY YOU THERE-- BUT FIRST I'D BETTER SEE IF THERE ARE ANY *MORE* HIDDEN MINES AROUND HERE!

BLAMMM

BLAMMM

HAVE TO... COVER...EVERY INCH...OF HIGHWAY ...AT SUPER-SPEED ...SET BACH EXPLOSION OFF ...BEFORE ANYONE'S HURT!

...IT'S WORKING... I HEAR BLASTS... BEHIND ME!


SOON AFTER, AT A GARAGE IN CHICAGO...
HERE WE ARE, UNCLE DUDLEY!
EXCELLENT, LAD! SET IT DOWN EASILY AND I'LL APPRISE THE MECHANICS OF OUR SITUATION!
MAN, OH, MAN! THAT'S CAPTAIN MARVEL!
I'M SURE YOU CAN HANDLE THINGS NOW! I HAVE TO--UH--SEE THAT BILLY KEEPS AN APPOINTMENT!
QUITE SO! I'LL STAY HERE AND SUPERVISE THE REPAIRS TO ASSURE THAT THE VAN GETS QUALITY WORK!
AFTER REPAIRS HAVE BEGUN, DUDLEY LOCATES A NEARBY PHONE BOOTH...
I REALLY SHOULD PHONE MR. MORRIS IN NEW YORK AND INFORM HIM OF OUR PREDICAMENT!
IN THE MANHATTAN OFFICES OF STATION WHIZ, THE OWNER, STERLING MORRIS, RECEIVES THE CALL...
DUDLEY! I'VE BEEN WAITING TO HEAR FROM YOU! IT'S URGENT!
WHAT?
GREAT GODFREY!
YES, SIR! RIGHT AWAY!
PHONE
I NEVER DREAMED OF SUCH A THING! HATE TO RUN OUT ON BILLY! I HOPE HE'LL UNDERSTAND!
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AND AT THAT MOMENT, AT THE CHICAGO AFFILIATE OF THE AMALGAMATED BROADCASTING SYSTEM...
GLAD TO MEET YOU, BILLY! I'M THE STATION MANAGER, WELDON STONE!
I WAS ASSIGNED TO COME HERE TO DO A REPORT ON THE WAVE OF TERRORISM THAT'S HIT THE CITY LATELY--AND IT SEEMS I'VE ALREADY RUN INTO A BIT OF IT!
BILLY SWIFTLY FILLS IN THE DETAILS, OMITTING ONLY HOW CAPTAIN MARVEL HAPPENED TO BE ON THE SCENE...
...THOUGH HOW THEY PLANTED THOSE MINES UNDER THE PAVEMENT IS MORE THAN I CAN FIGURE!
THEY SEEM TO DO ALL SORTS OF THINGS I THOUGHT WERE IMPOSSIBLE!
WE BELIEVE IT'S A NEO-NAZI GROUP OF SOME SORT--SMALL, BUT DETERMINED!
ALL WE KNOW ABOUT THE LEADER IS THAT HE'S KNOWN AS THE NEW FUHRER!
AND AS BILLY PONDERS THE IDENTITY OF THIS NEW NAZI LEADER, THAT VERY PERSON IS THINKING OF CAPTAIN MARVEL!
TWICE HAVE MY INSTRUMENTS DETECTED LIGHTNING FROM A CLEAR SKY--THE TYPE THAT HERALDS THE APPEARANCE AND DEPARTURE OF MY OLD FOES!
THE CONCLUSION IS OBVIOUS! ONE OF THEM HAS COME--AND GONE! I MUST ACT BEFORE HE RETURNS!
AT LAST I HAVE FOUND A WAY TO STOP THE VERDAMMT, MARVELS!
BUT WHO COULD IT BE WHO HAS INVADED THE SEARS TOWER--THE WORLD'S TALLEST BUILDING?
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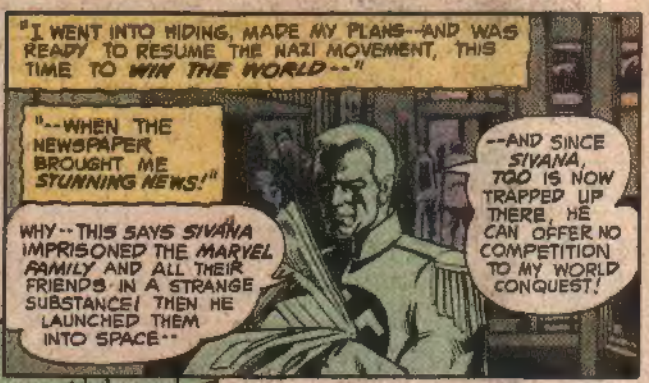
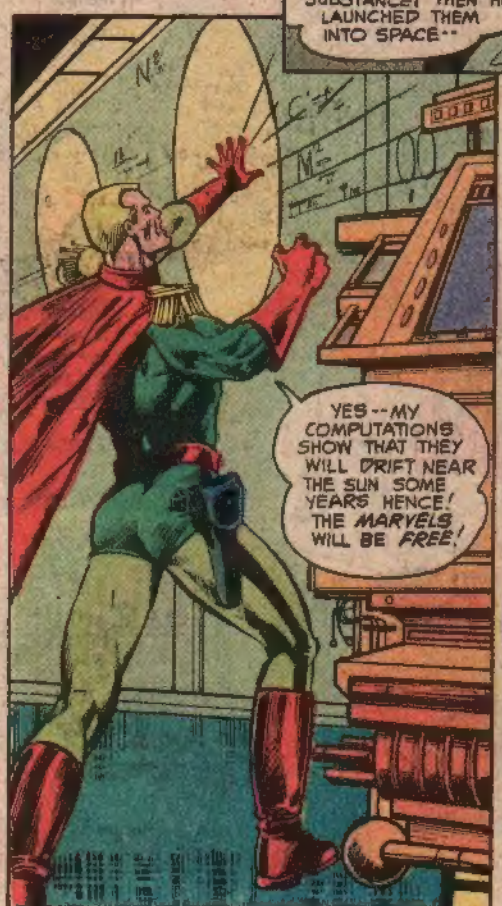
"THEN HITLER CAME TO POWER--AND MY FATHER INTRODUCED ME TO OUR FÜHRER..."
"MY FATHER, SIEGMUND KRIEGER, SECRETLY DEVELOPED A MIRACLE FOOD ON WHICH HE FED ME FROM INFANCY! IT MADE ME ESPECIALLY STRONG, AGILE--AND INTELLIGENT..."
SEE, MEIN VATER, HOW STRONG I AM!
JA, ALBRECHT!
IF THE FOOD WERE NOT SO EXPENSIVE, I COULD FEED IT TO OTHER CHILDREN! STILL, IT WOULD NOT BE GOOD IF THEY WERE ALL SO DESTRUCTIVE!
MY SON IS THE ULTIMATE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SUPERIOR ARYAN RACE! HE IS FAR BEYOND OTHERS--A TRUE ÜBERMENSCH!"
I AM IMPRESSED, HERR DOKTER!
"GERMAN FOR OVERMAN OR SUPERIOR MAN! --JCH
MINUTE MAN
CAPTAIN MARVEL
SPY SMASHER
BULLETMAN
STILL, WOULD YOU DARE MATCH YOURSELF AGAINST THE AMERICAN HEROES--CAPTAIN MARVEL, SPY SMASHER, MINUTE MAN, BULLETMAN?
GIVE ME A CHANCE AND I WILL SMASH THEM ALL, MEIN FUHRER!
FIRST I BATTLED BULLETMAN--BUT HE WAS HELPED BY CAPTAIN MARVEL! THOSE TWO WERE TOUGH ENOUGH--
--BUT THEN CAME THAT BRAT, CAPTAIN MARVEL JR.! HE STOPPED MY PLANS AT EVERY TURN! HOW I DESPISE HIM!

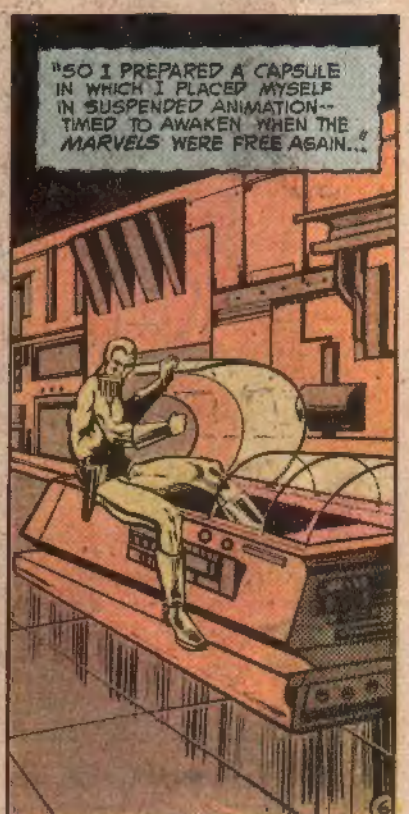
"EVEN AFTER I OBTAINED MY *FLYING GAS*--DEVELOPED BY A FRENCH PRISONER WHO WAS REWARDED WITH *DEATH*--THAT STRIPLING STILL BEAT ME!"

THEN THE WAR ENDED--HITLER HAD *LOST*--AND NO WONDER!
HE HAD THE *MIND* OF A TRUE ARYAN, BUT HE WAS *SHORT* AND *DARK*!
I KNEW THE ONLY *TRUE FUHRER* MUST BE *TALL* AND *BLOND*--
--*LIKE ME!*


"I WENT INTO HIDING, MADE MY PLANS--AND WAS READY TO RESUME THE NAZI MOVEMENT, THIS TIME TO *WIN THE WORLD*--"
"--WHEN THE NEWSPAPER BROUGHT ME *STUNNING NEWS!*"
WHY--THIS SAYS *SIVANA* IMPRISONED THE *MARVEL FAMILY* AND ALL THEIR FRIENDS IN A STRANGE SUBSTANCE! THEN HE LAUNCHED THEM INTO SPACE--
--AND SINCE *SIVANA, TOO* IS NOW TRAPPED UP THERE, HE CAN OFFER NO COMPETITION TO MY WORLD CONQUEST!

BUT IS IT POSSIBLE THEY MIGHT BE ABLE TO *ESCAPE*? BEFORE I PLAN *WORLD CONQUEST*--I MUST *KNOW!*
I CANNOT BEGIN UNTIL THEY ARE *DESTROYED*--THEY MUST *NOT RETURN* AND CATCH *ME OFF GUARD!*





WHEN I AWOKE, I FOUND THE ACCURSED MARVELS WERE BACK IN ACTION! - I BEGAN MY PLANS--
AND I WILL SOON BRING THEM TO FRUITION!
EVEN NOW, MY FOLLOWERS ARE FORCING EVERYONE ELSE OUT OF THIS BUILDING--
MOVE! YOU WILL LEAVE THIS PLACE AT ONCE-- OR DIE!
FOR WHAT PLACE IS MORE SUITABLE FOR MY HEADQUARTERS THAN THE TALLEST BUILDING IN THE WORLD?
NOW TO THROW THE SWITCH WHICH WILL PLACE THE FIRST OF THE MARVELS AT MY MERCY!
THERE! NOW LET HIM STOP ME-- IF HE CAN!
SO, ATOP THE EDIFICE WHICH HOUSES THE TV STATION...
YES-- I SEE HIM-- A TALL, BLOND MAN WITH A CREW-CUT-- IN A GREEN SUIT!
JUST GOT A BULLETIN-- THOSE NAZI TERRORISTS HAVE TAKEN OVER THE SEARS TOWER! THEIR LEADER IS ON THE ROOF!
I'LL GET SOME BINOCULARS, BILLY-- MAYBE WE CAN SEE HIM FROM OUR ROOF!

THAT SOUNDS LIKE-- BUT IT COULDN'T BE--!
QUICK, HAND ME THE GLASSES!
HOLY MOLEY! IT IS--
--CAPTAIN NAZI!
CAPTAIN NAZI? I THOUGHT HE WAS LONG DEAD!
MR. STONE'S NOT LOOKING AT ME--
--SHAZAM!
HOLY MOLEY! NO LIGHTNING! WHAT'S HAPPENED?
HUH? WHAT DID YOU SAY, BILLY?
COULD SOMETHING BE BLOCKING THE LIGHTNING? IF SO, IT'S AN EVEN BET CAPTAIN NAZI'S CAUSING IT!
I'VE GOT TO CHECK!
CHECK? CHECK WHAT?
UH--JUST A THOUGHT!

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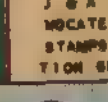

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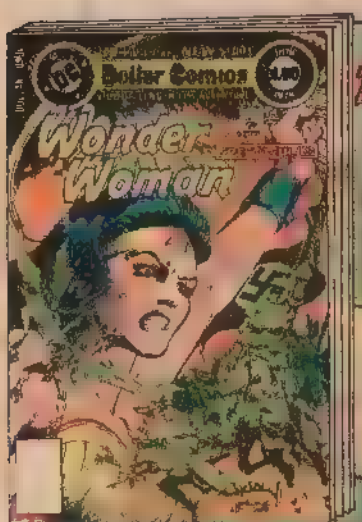

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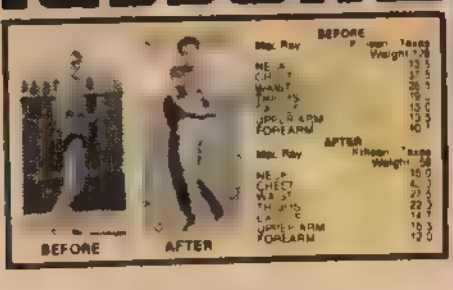

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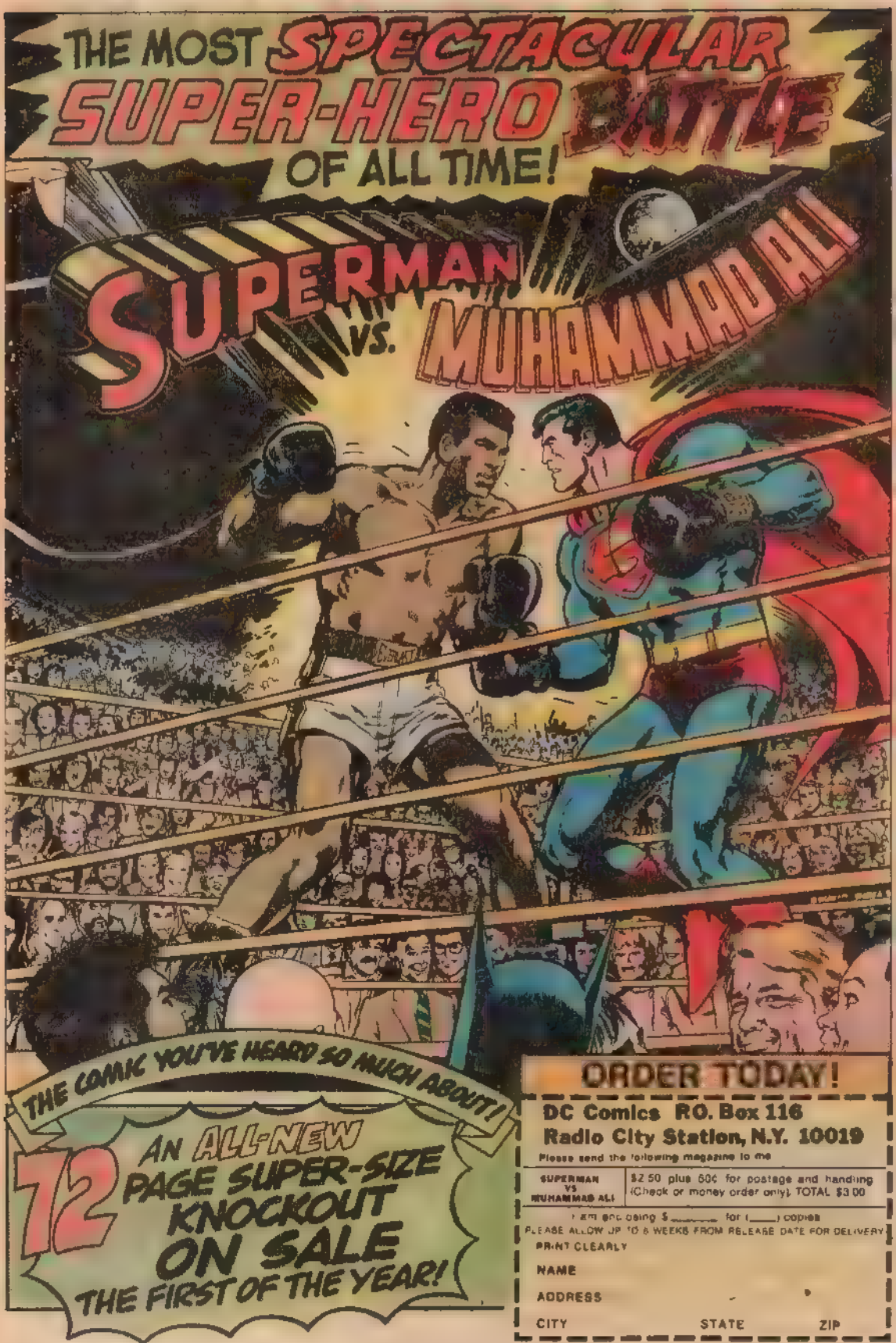
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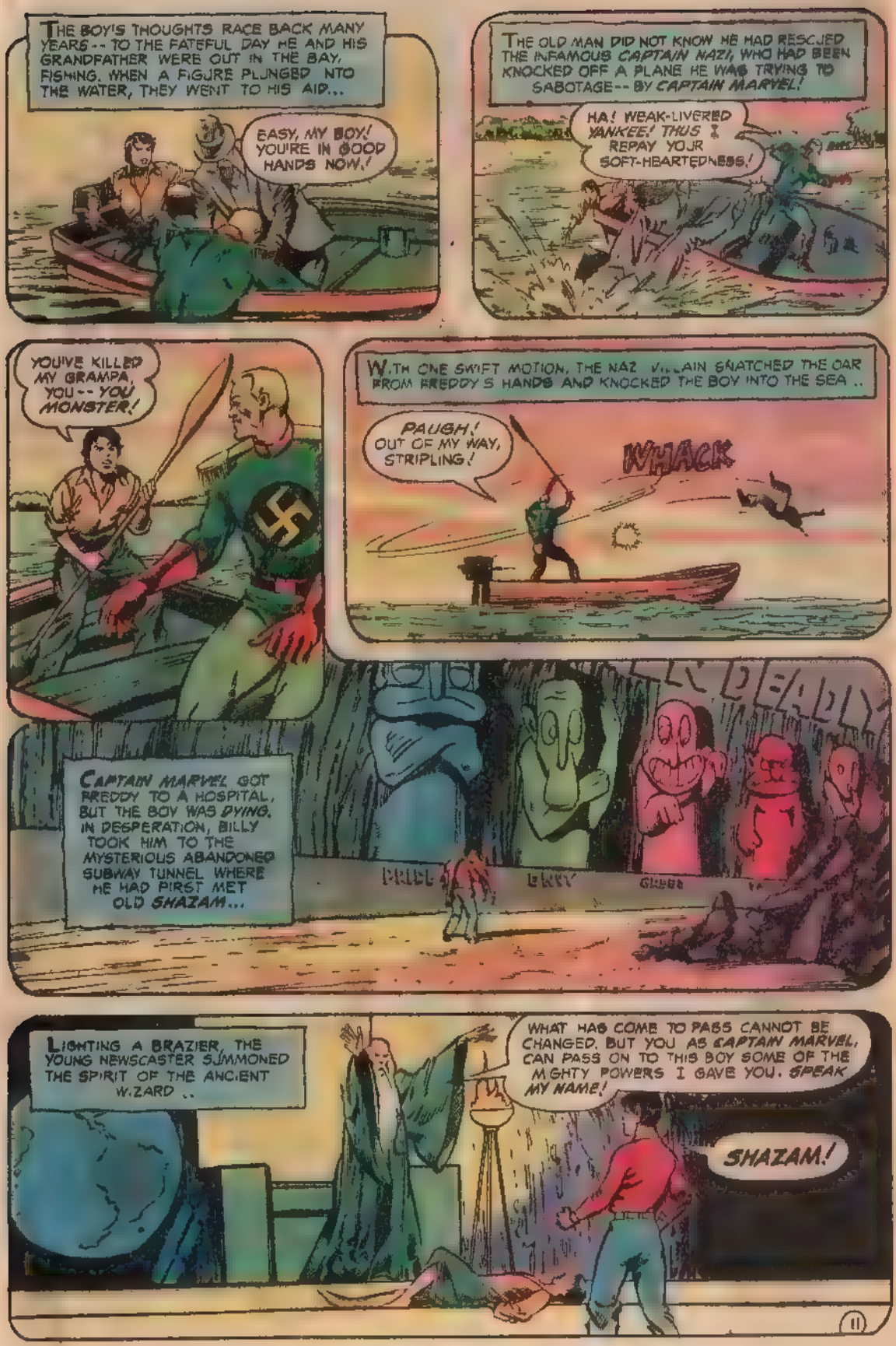
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SHAZAM!
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BAM
AND SO, WHEN FREDDY AWOKE, HIS EYES FELL UPON A HEROIC RED-CLAD FIGURE...
WHY, IT--IT'S CAPTAIN MARVEL!
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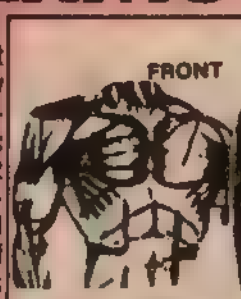

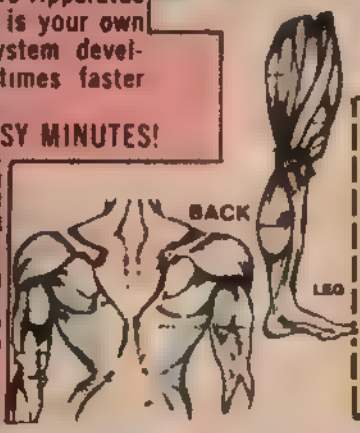

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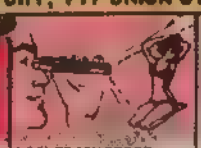

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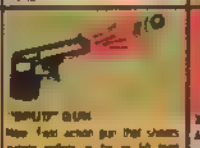

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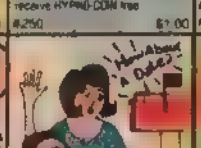

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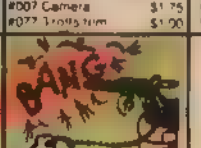

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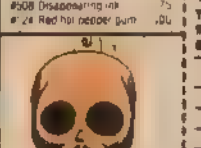

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MEANTIME, IN CHICAGO, CAPTAIN NAZI IS WITNESS TO A DISTURBING SIGHT ...
MEIN! IT CANNOT BE! I WAS SO SURE MY PLANS WERE FLAWLESS!
MY FLYING GAS MUST STILL BE POTENT-- IT MUST!
HE'S [illegible] FAST AS EVER! I KEEP FORGETTING THAT GAS HE USES!
HA! IT STILL WORKS! IT IS NOT SO EASY TO CAPTURE A FLYING MAN, IS IT, HERR KAPITÄN!
STILL, I ANTICIPATED YOUR RESOURCEFULNESS --AND I HAVE A BACK-UP WEAPON!
DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE GOING TO TRY BLOWING ME AWAY WITH A MERE LUGER!?!
NEAR THE STANDARD OIL BUILDING, THE VERDANT VILLAIN FIRES..
I DEVELOPED THIS WITH SEVERAL MORE CUNNING SCIENTISTS! ONE SHOT COULD REDUCE A HERD OF ELEPHANTS TO DUST!
HIMMEL! HE STILL LIVES!
THAT MAY COME IN HANDY --IF YOU EVER HAVE TO GET RID OF A HERD OF ELEPHANTS!

I AM NOT BEATEN YET--NOT WHILE I STILL CAN USE THIS OTHER SETTING ON THE GUN--
CLIK
--LIGHTNING-- WITH THE POWER OF A DOZEN THUNDERSTORMS!
BZZZAAAAAP
THAT DID IT--KNOCKED HIM OUT OF THE SKY!
STRANGE, THOUGH--HE LOOKS SMALLER--AND I DON'T SEE HIS CAPE!
YES, HE IS SMALLER--FOR THE POWERFUL LIGHTNING HAS CHANGED HIM BACK TO BILLY BATSON!
FALLING SO FAST--CAN'T BREATHE--CAN'T YELL THE WORD!
AH-AH, BILLY! MUSTN'T GO SKY-DIVING WITHOUT A PARACHUTE!
AND THAT'S PRECISELY THE MOMENT A SLIM, BLUE-GARBED YOUTH SWOOPS DOWN FROM THE SKY...
AS CAPTAIN MARVEL JR. LANDS BILLY NEAR THE PICASSO SCULPTURE IN CHICAGO CIVIC CENTER...
THANKS, JUNIOR! BUT WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
WHY ELSE? I CAME TO SETTLE CAPTAIN NAZI'S HASH!
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FREDDY--DIDN'T YOU THINK I--UNN... CAPTAIN MARVEL COULD HANDLE IT?
I WAS AFRAID HE WOULD! THIS IS A PERSONAL FEUD--A LONG-STANDING SCORE I MEAN TO SETTLE!
CAPTAIN MARVEL JR.! YOU, TOO?
JUNIOR, WAIT!-- HIS GUN--!
YOU SHOULD KNOW YOU COULDN'T KEEP OUT OF MY WAY FOR LONG!
THIS WORKED ON CAPTAIN MARVEL-- SO IT WILL BLAST YOU, ALSO!
NOT IF I DODGE FAST ENOUGH!
AND NOW--
--THE PUNCH I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR!
GUESS I SHOULD SAVE HIM... BEFORE HE HITS SOMETHING EVEN HARDER THAN HE IS!
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NO--ON SECOND THOUGHT, I'LL JUST WATCH!
AND SO HE DOES--AS CAPTAIN NAZI SPLASHES DOWN IN BUCKINGHAM FOUNTAIN...
I SHOULD LET YOU DROWN--DIE LIKE MY--!
JUNIOR! STOP--YOU CAN'T BE LIKE HIM!
BUT THE STRUGGLING, SPUTTERING MAN TRIGGERS BITTER MEMORIES IN THE MIND OF THE SUPER-POWERED YOUTH AND THE BURNING RAGE COMES FORTH...
THE FORCE-FIELD'S STILL IN EFFECT--CAN'T CHANGE TO CAPTAIN MARVEL! AND AS BILLY, I'M NO MATCH FOR JUNIOR!
BUT THE POWER OF BILLY'S REASONING DOES REACH INTO HIS PARTNER'S TORTURED SOUL...
YOU'RE RIGHT! I CAN'T KILL--CAN'T BRING MYSELF TO HIS LOW LEVEL!
SO IT'S OFF TO JAIL FOR YOU!
NEIN! NOT THERE! THERE ARE BLACKS, ORIENTALS, JEWS AND ALL THOSE OTHER INFERIOR PEOPLE--!
IN OTHER WORDS, ANYONE WHO DOESN'T LOOK LIKE YOU!
ACTUALLY, THEY'LL BE OFFENDED BY YOUR PRESENCE! I KNOW I AM!
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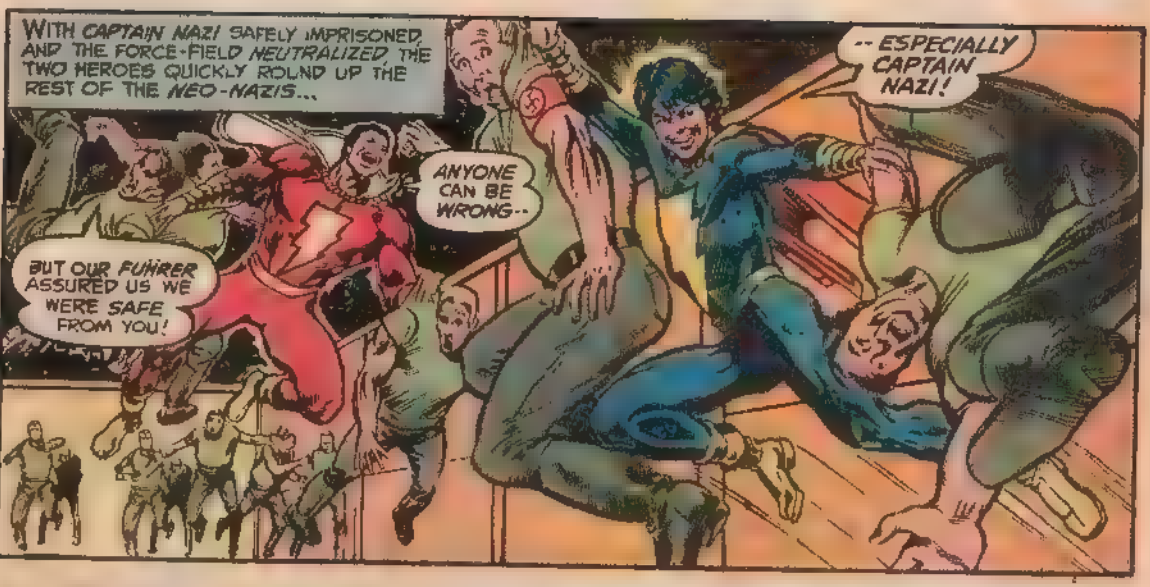
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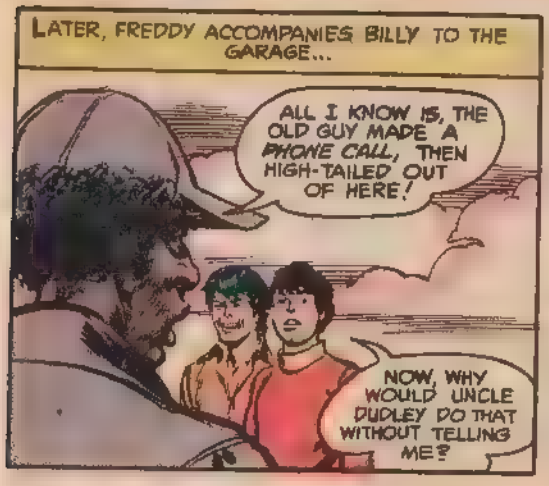
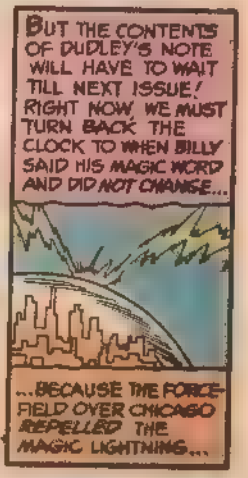
-- ESPECIALLY CAPTAIN NAZI!
ANYONE CAN BE WRONG--
BUT OUR FUHRER ASSURED US WE WERE SAFE FROM YOU!


LATER, FREDDY ACCOMPANIES BILLY TO THE GARAGE...
ALL I KNOW IS, THE OLD GUY MADE A PHONE CALL, THEN HIGH-TAILED OUT OF HERE!
NOW, WHY WOULD UNCLE DUDLEY DO THAT WITHOUT TELLING ME?

GUESS HE WAS IN A BIG HURRY--BUT HE ASKED ME TO GIVE YOU THIS NOTE!


BUT THE CONTENTS OF DUDLEY'S NOTE WILL HAVE TO WAIT TILL NEXT ISSUE! RIGHT NOW WE MUST TURN BACK THE CLOCK TO WHEN BILLY SAID HIS MAGIC WORD AND DID NOT CHANGE...
...BECAUSE THE FORCE-FIELD OVER CHICAGO REPELLED THE MAGIC LIGHTNING...

...SENDING IT BACK WHERE IT ORIGINATED--
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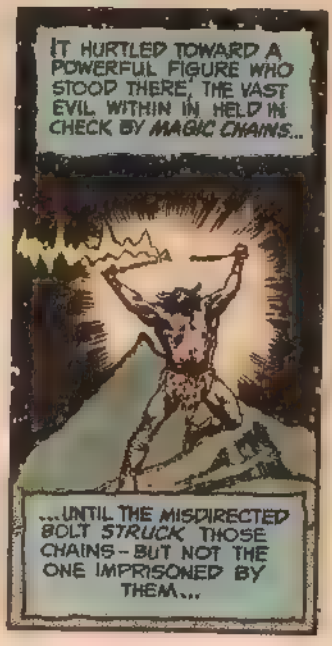
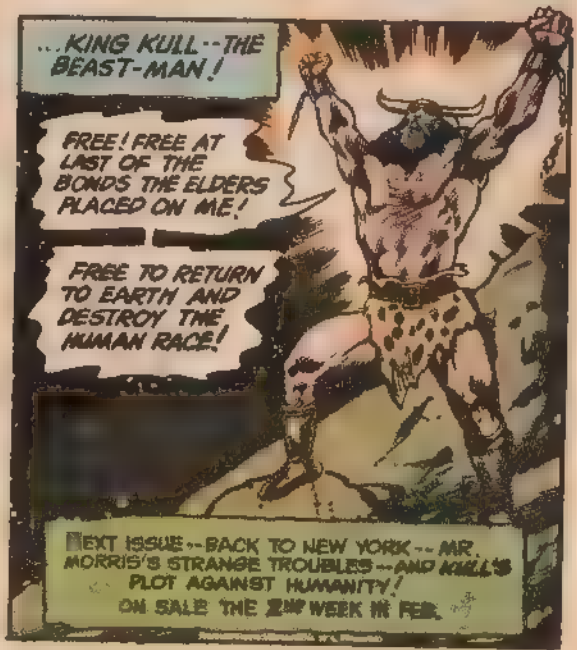

IT HURTLED TOWARD A POWERFUL FIGURE WHO STOOD THERE, THE VAST EVIL WITHIN IN HELD IN CHECK BY MAGIC CHAINS...
...UNTIL THE MISDIRECTED BOLT STRUCK THOSE CHAINS - BUT NOT THE ONE IMPRISONED BY THEM...


...KING KULL--THE BEAST-MAN!
FREE! FREE AT LAST OF THE BONDS THE ELDERS PLACED ON ME!
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Dear Jack,

Shazam #32 was a winner, the cover art by Kurt Schaffenberger and the interior work by Tenny Henson and Bob Smith were bang-up jobs. E. Nelson Bridwell's tale, "Mr. Tawny's Big Game," brought an old character from **Chaptain Marvel's** legend back into prominence. Mr. Tawny was treated as he should have been, as a serio-comic figure.

Mr. Mind gave **Captain Marvel** a run for his money. He is like a computer who tries to outdo his enemy at every step. I hope **Captain Marvel** faces more of his old enemies soon.

Charles David Haskell
15 West 126th St., 4D
New York, N.Y. 10037

How do you like *Captain Nazi* this issue? And next time, *King Kull* will be back. We have some other old baddies coming up—and a few new ones we're dreaming up—so keep reading!—E.N.B.

Dear Nelson:

Even the best series isn't perfect—and, although **SHAZAM** is one of the titles I most look forward to reading every two months, **#32** was a tremendous disappointment. Your ideas were good as always, but for once, the way you carried them out just didn't seem to click.

True, you were under a tremendous handicap to begin with, without Kurt Schaffenberger's pencils available to you, but **surely** you could have come up with someone better than Tenny Henson! His style just doesn't fit **Captain Marvel** at all—everybody was badly distorted, which was rather appropriate for the alien baseball team (which, interestingly, came out looking very much like old-fashioned caricatures often used to illustrate the sport), but is very damaging to the recurring characters. The classic **Captain Marvel** style relies on simplified but otherwise well-proportioned figures—most of the faces here were too long and angular. **Mr. Mind** was butchered terribly, but Ivan Ludington came off worst of all, looking for all the world as if he's collided with a brick wall the day before.

Which reminds me—how does **he** rate a guest appearance? You'd already received permission to use the Detroit Tigers—so why didn't you mention the various members of **that** team by name? There are so many guests you could easily have used.

Although I share Scott Gibson's desire for more of the other **Marvels**, I really think **Uncle Marvel's** reappearance this issue was a bit premature. Why couldn't he have coached the team as Dudley if you wanted him in a relatively important role?

Even the coloring was slipshod! Even though Jerry Serpe was credited with both last issue and this one, he couldn't be consistent. Last issue, Handyman was depicted as green, but this time around, he was yellow most of the time and orange on page 9, while Motorman and Flycatcher were green on page 7 and blue everywhere else. Now, I can take a few coloring mistakes from time to time, but isn't this—uh—stretching it?

No matter how they were colored, though, your alien team was a nice idea—and quite appropriate, too, for the former leader of the **Monster Society of Evil.** (Were any of them veterans of that classic group?) If you'd had a better artist and given it a little more thought, this story would have maintained the title's usual high standards. Even though it seems a little too soon for another sports story, I have every expectation your next one will.

Rich Morrissey
55 Claudette Circle
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We can only use real-life guests with their permission. In this case, we had the okay to use the Tigers, but not individual team members. If we'd had the okay, do you honestly think we'd have missed Mark (The Bird) Fidrych? Junior's back this time, and Mary joins in next issue. No, none of *Mr. Mind's* team hailed from the original *Monster Society*. About the art—what do you think of Al Weiss and Joe Rubinstein?—E.N.B.

Dear Editor:

How come you never reprint **Captain Marvel Jr.'s** origin story? I've seen the **Captain's** from time to time, and **Mary's**, but I've never seen **Junior's**. Is it because there's a 1940's character in it? I know how **Captain Marvel Jr.** began, but I'd like to see his origin story.

Scott Carmody
13 Simon Lane
Latham, N.Y. 12110

Well, we do have a reprise of the origin in this issue, plus that '40's villain you mentioned, but I have a hunch you want more. So if you don't have it already, get *SHAZAM FROM THE 40S TO THE 70S*, published by Harmony Books; and don't think it's mentioned just because yours truly selected most of the stories and wrote the introduction! Anyway, you'll find the story you want between its covers—plus many other *Marvel Family* classics!—E.N.B.

Editor:

SHAZAM #31 was lots of fun—especially the return of **Minute Man.**

However, the word Restaurateur is spelled wrong on page 2. Shame, shame!

Ms. Dawn Anderson
Beverly Hills, Calif.

Oops! Must brush up on the French! It's so hard to remember there's no "n" in the word!—E.N.B.

Dear Mr. Bridwell,

SHAZAM #31 was a monumental issue. Though the return of **Mr. Mind** and the introduction of six females having **Cap's** separate powers were special, the highlight of the issue was the return of a hero not seen in more than 30 years . . . **Minute Man!**

When the **Squadron of Justice** was introduced back in **JLA #138**, I felt you had made a mistake by not including Jack Weston's alter ego, but I must say you have more than made up for it! Weston as a restaurateur was a stroke of genius. And your plot and Kurt Schaffenberger's artwork were more than worth the 35¢ I paid for the issue.

Once more, thank you very much . . . for **Minute Man!**

Gregg Stamey, Jr.
21 Hampton Heights
Canton, N.C. 28716

Actually, I originally wanted to put *Minute Man* in that *JLA* story—just so I could team him up with *Hourman*! —E. Nelson Bridwell

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A Word About the Fight of the Century

Now that we've gone the distance, I can tell you the truth about SUPERMAN VS. MUHAMMAD ALI. Not the whole truth, of course, but enough of it to whet your appetite without pulling any punches.

First, the simple truth. The book—after fifteen grueling, tension-packed months—is a knockout.

All you comic fans have been awaiting this tabloid for over a year. But SUPERMAN VS. MUHAMMAD ALI now has the non-comic book world clamoring for seats. Ever since the New York *Village Voice* splashed news of the match-up across its front page, nationwide coverage of the book has reached that pitch of childish excitement which only adults can generate.

If somehow you missed the hoopla, let me fill you in.

SUPERMAN VS. MUHAMMAD ALI should be appearing on your newsstand just in time for the New Year. It is without a doubt the most extraordinary over-sized comic book ever produced. Better than SUPERMAN VS. SPIDER-MAN? You can't even compare the two. Just start with the Superman-Ali cover and you'll see why.

The cover wraps around the book so that unfolded it's a poster-size image. As you'd predict, Superman and Ali are slugging it out in the ring. Cheering them on is an impassioned throng. But not your run-of-the-mill spectators. They're the people you'd imagine would actually turn up at a fight like this: Frank Sinatra, Sonny and Cher, Lucille Ball, Pele, Kurt Vonnegut, Johnny Carson, and even President Carter with Rosalynn at his side.

Who else? Well, naturally; fight promoter Don King, and Ali's manager, Herbert Muhammad and his trainer Bundini Brown.

In Superman's corner? The whole raft of DC superstars in their civilian identities. Plus the entire DC staff, a fleet of artists and writers, and the heads of Galaxy Communications (in *their* civilian identities as the heads of Warner Communications).

We had to get permission from every one of those people whose visage appears on the book. Neal Adams (who has executed not only the cover but also each interior page with a lavishness of detail unsurpassed in any comic book) spent weeks drawing individual portraits. When we finally finished with this piece of insanity, there were over one hundred and fifty *real* people at ringside. We've thoughtfully provided an identifying key so that you, too, can go a little crazy and match the faces with the names.

Credit goes to Julie Schwartz for starting us in the first place. For his efforts on the book, Julie has won this decade's Job award for extreme forebearance beyond the capacity of mortal editors. It was nearly two years ago that Julie made his fatal mistake. The champ was in town and SUPERMAN VS. SPIDER-MAN was on the newsstand.

"Ha-ha," said Julie, brilliantly merging the two events. "SUPERMAN VS. MUHAMMAD ALI. Now *that's* a good one."

And with those words he sealed his doom.

Jest became joust. Our man against theirs. Where was Don King? We had a fight to arrange!

Don was charming but alarming, he hustled, we haggled; he was outrageous, we were courageous; when he demanded 700 percent we held firm and walked out.

Lawyers, phone calls, meetings, meetings, phone calls, phone calls. Two months later we had a deal—with Don. We still had to make a deal with Ali's manager, Herbert Muhammad. Herbert's terms were simple. Total approval of everything.

"It's the only way," he said to me. We were sitting at his kitchen table in Chicago. I wanted his total approval of the story and Neal's first drawings.

The phone over Herbert's head rang. He tilted back his chair to answer it, cited a foreign country, and named a multi-million dollar figure.

"Wait a minute," he said into the receiver and turned to me.

"Do you have a pen? I never can find one when I need one," he apologized.

I took out a pen and told Herbert to keep it. From then on, we were working together.

"Now for the plot," said Herbert, hanging up the phone. Why don't you read it to me?"

So I started to read it and ended up telling it.

"It's good, it's good," Herbert beamed. "It sounds more exciting than the movie script we're considering."

He looked at the three drawings of Ali with infinite care. Minutes passed. Finally, he said:

"They're good, too, but tell the artist to fatten Ali's calves when he does the book. Ali's legs are stronger than that."

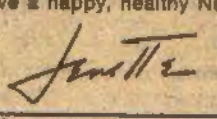
Once I returned from Chicago, Neal began laying out pages based on the synopsis that Denny O'Neil and Julie had cooked up. When the first double-page spread came in, we were blown out. No alien spaceships, no intergalactic battle, simply a street in Harlem. But what a street! So packed with the overflow of humanity and visual vignettes that you can study the scene for an hour and still find something new.

On the other hand, the story centers not just on a climactic fight between Earth's two supermen but also on an equally climactic bid for interplanetary control. SUPERMAN VS. MUHAMMAD ALI does have alien spaceships, intergalactic battles and pyrotechnical treats.

It also has Dick Giordano's superlative inks, Terry Austin's mind-boggling backgrounds, Neal's own fine writing, and Herbert Muhammad's total approval every step of the way.

Who wins? All of us. It's been a long, hard fight to put but this incredible book. But we feel like champions. When you see how stupendous the tabloid is, you'll be glad you fought for your copy.

Have a happy, healthy New Year—



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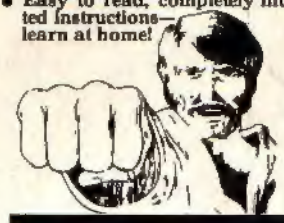

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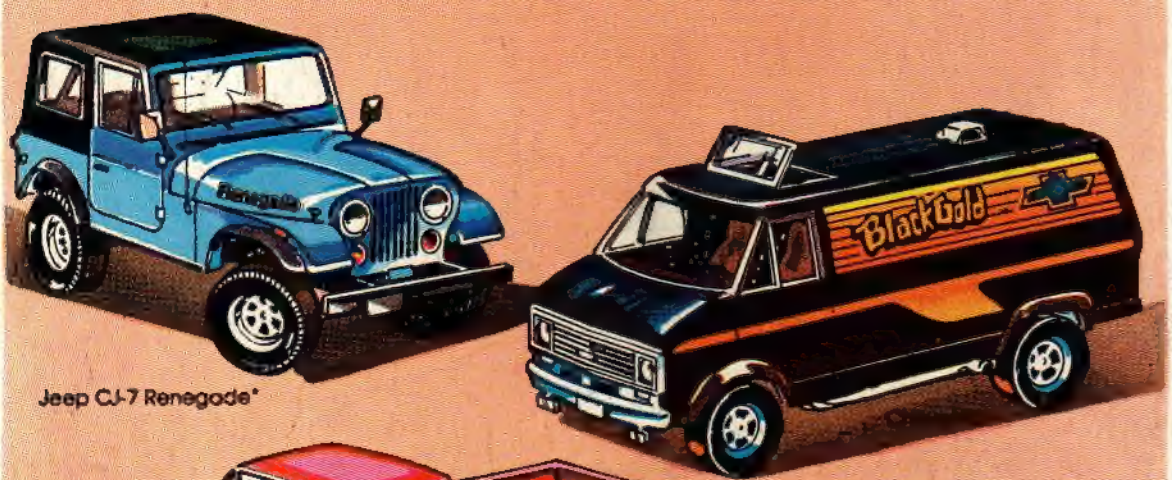

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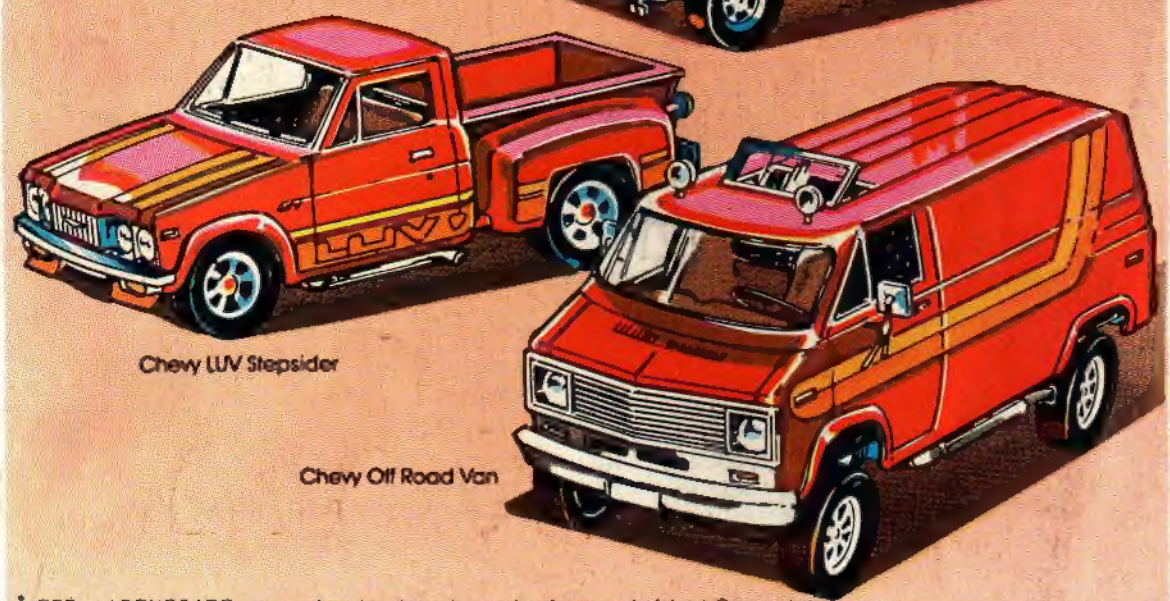

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